

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 18. Cancelled.

19. (New) A keyboard for use by an operator, comprising:

    a first keyboard section containing a plurality of character input keys;

    a second keyboard section containing a plurality of command input keys; and

    a first hinge that connects the keyboard sections so as to enable the keyboard to move between a desktop configuration, when the first hinge is in an open position, and a hand-held configuration, when the first hinge is in a closed position, such that the character input keys and the command input keys are accessible for use by an operator in both configurations.

20. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the plurality of character input keys comprise keys for inputting printable characters selected from the group consisting of alpha numeric, symbols and punctuation characters.

21. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the plurality of command input keys comprise keys for inputting commands selected from the group consisting of tab, capitals lock, numbers lock, shift, control, alt, back space, insert, delete, home, end, page up, page down, mouse control, escape, and function keys.

22. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the keyboard further comprises a connection means for connecting the keyboard to a remote computer system.

23. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 22, wherein the connection means comprises a signal transmitter.

24. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 19, wherein when the keyboard is moved from the desktop configuration to the hand-held configuration functions associated with the command input keys are remapped so as to maintain the relative position of the functions of the command input keys in the hand-held configuration to that provided in the desktop configuration.

25. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 24, wherein the first keyboard section further comprises a multidirectional key and a mouse stick and the command input keys are mapped to provide a plurality of trigger buttons so enabling the keyboard to be employed as a games controller.

26. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the first and second keyboard sections comprise side cut recesses.

27. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 24, wherein the first keyboard section comprises a representation of the function of the command input keys when the keyboard is in the hand-held configuration.

28. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 19, wherein when the keyboard is moved to the hand-held configuration the first keyboard section is deactivated.

29. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the second keyboard section functions as a remote control device when the keyboard is moved to the hand-held configuration.

30. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the second keyboard section comprises a mobile phone screen such that the second keyboard section functions as a mobile phone when the keyboard is moved to the hand-held configuration.

31. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the keyboard further comprises a main screen.

32. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 31, wherein the main screen is pivotally attached to the first keyboard section by a second hinge so as to enable the main screen to move between a first position where the main screen can be viewed and a second position where the main screen cannot be viewed.

33. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 32, wherein when the main screen is the second position it provides a physical barrier to the character input keys.

34. (New) A keyboard as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the keyboard is made of a plastic material.

35. (New) A keyboard as claimed in claim 19, wherein the character input keys and the command keys comprise keys that are ergonomically shaped.